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| Applicant       | Hanabusa, R.  |                  |      |
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Dear Sir:  
In reply to the Office Action of July 9, 2007 please find the following:

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

1. Amendments to the Claims start on page 2 of this paper.
2. Amendments to the Drawings start on page 8 of this paper.

**Claim 40 while shown as rejected in the Office Action Summary was not commented on in the body (pages 2- 5) of the Office Action dated July 9, 2007. The applicant asks that the next Office Action NOT be made a final action until the status of claim 40 is resolved.**